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IT was supposed at the first Publication of this Book, that any one might very easily have made it serviceable to himself in the *Closet*, by following the Directions then given in the Preface: But since it has been thought Advisable, for the better Help and Encouragement of Private Devotion, to Collect thence a *particular Service* for it, digested into the plainest Method, and fitted to the meanest Capacity. And this as it is now annexed to this Impression, so it may be had in Sheets by it self.



THE PREFACE.

THat there is a God, and that he ought to be worshipped, are truths so generally discovered to the most brutish Heathens by the meer light of nature, that no Christian surely (who has this improved and advanced into a far greater light) can in the least doubt of yielding his assent thereunto. Being addressing my self therefore to the Christian only, I shall not pretend to offer at his conviction in these points, lest I should seem to upbraid him with grosser ignorance and stupidity than has been usually found in the very worst amongst the rank of Rational Souls.

However too many Christians there are, who (to the great shame of their most holy profession) do appear so wholly indifferent and unconcerned for the worship of that God whom they seem to own and believe, that they would almost incline a truly

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charitable man with great peremptoriness to pronounce, That that Heathen generation shall rise up in Judgment against them, and find it more tolerable in the day of wrath. For as God has vouchsafed to give Christians better means to know, and greater helps and encouragements to perform their duty ; so consequently the neglect of it must needs bring them into greater condemnation.

Besides, their danger is increased too, because their sin is highly aggravated from those deep obligations which they laid upon themselves, when at first in their Baptism they were denominated such. For then they vowed a most solemn Vow, that they would worship God, and serve him truly all the days of their life : so that their neglect here can be interpreted for no less than the vilest perjury, and a breach of Covenant with God himself, and therefore will certainly not only deprive them of all the benefits of that Covenant, but also render them obnoxious to many more stripes. Doubtless then no sincere Christian will truly consider this, without repenting heartily of all such sinful omissions, and resolving seriously for the future

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● *to be most constant and intent in the duty.*

Now the worship of God does chiefly consist in our offering up to him Prayers, Praises, and Thanksgivings: and this must be performed by us all both in publick and private. So that neither can the doing of it in publick atone for the neglect of it in private, nor the private performance on the other hand any way excuse the contempt of the publick. For as he who does his duty only in publick seems to aim at the praise of men more than the praise of God, and shall receive no other reward: So he who forsakes the publick, and thinks to approve himself unto God by his meer private and solitary services, shall find himself so far deceived, that in not hearing the Church which calls him so frequently and earnestly to his duty, he will render himself in the sight both of God and all good men as an Heathen and a Publican; and after all his devotions evidence himself to be of the number of those sinners whom God heareth not.

For where the Service of an established Church is such, that we may join in it without sin, all separation from that Church

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Church is accounted by God as a most heinous transgression; and as many as shall wilfully and obstinately persist in it (howsoever else they pretend to worship him in private) can have no just grounds to hope that they shall be accepted of God, but may with more reason expect that he should openly punish their open disobedience, rather than so reward that half-obedience, which he seeth in secret. We must therefore duly and faithfully serve God, both publickly in the Church; and privately in the House, that is, as well secretly by our selves, as also more openly in our families, (which though it be a kind of publick Service too, yet I call it private in opposition to that more publick one of the Church.

Now no Church has ever yet made a better provision for the Service of God, than our good Mother the Church of England. For she has provided a most complete form of sound and wholesome words, whereby we may indeed serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. This she has gathered for us, Not from the Popish Mass (as some have basely and falsely insinuated to make her odious,) but

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but from the more early Liturgies of purer times. And where she cannot boast of such Antiquity, there she recommends nothing to her Votaries, but what was either made or approved by those who were the greatest enemies to Popery, and the best friends to our most glorious Reformation. Nay, what she recommends (which is indeed her greatest honour) is the very sum and substance of God's most holy word. She expresseth her self for the most part in Scripture Language: And if at any time she does not, even then she cannot be charged with the least contradiction against it; but may boldly challenge all her Enemies, and say in the words of her dear Lord, Which of you convinceth me of sin?

That this our Church then has most profitably and plentifully administred to the private as well as publick devotions of her children, is my design to shew in these following Collections. For by these it will appear, that she has not only laboured to help our infirmities, and contributed to supply our private necessities in all common and ordinary cases; but in most particular occurrences likewise,
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which are unusual and extraordinary, she has abundantly assisted us towards the due making of our humble supplications and thanksgivings unto God.

To make good the Title-page then, and to prove the excellency of the Companion which it applauds, I have borrowed from it such prayers as may be suitable to our several conditions, not only common but special; and to digest them into such order and method, that they may be most easily subservient, both to our daily offices, and to our extraordinary devotions.

The following Collection therefore is contrived for our use two ways; First, in the House, when all the members of a Family are called together to offer up their joint-prayers, and to make known their common requests unto God; and secondly in the Closet, when any single person shall retire in secret to pour out his soul before him.

*That it is the indispensable duty of every Master, or Head of a Family, to endeavour that every Soul within his house be filled with piety, and nourished with all
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goodness, I need not use many arguments to evince. For if he be worse than an Infidel (as the Apostle has proclaimed him, 1 Tit. 5. 8.) who provides not for his house in temporal, than what is he who neglects to do it in these spiritual things? And how can any one hope to do this more effectually, than by obliging them all to be constant in such heavenly devotions.

And now to furnish them accordingly with meet devotions, I have in the first place composed Three distinct Services most proper for those Three seasons, (viz. Morning, Noon, and Night,) which God's own word abundantly testifies, to have been observed by many of our Pious fore-runners in the faith, and in which we may believe they are followed by many devout persons even now in our own age, though it be an age indeed of such general looseness and irreligion. But as for those whose circumstances will not allow them so frequent an attendance upon the Duty, let them endeavour at least to see it performed both Morning and Night. For so often surely God ought to be worshipped in every Christian house: Nor can it be just in us to deny him our first and last service,
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who is indeed both the First and the Last.

Nor can any Householder have cause to think that this will exhaust too much of his time, since all the Three Services may be duly performed in less than the space of one hour. And what manner of person is he, that will not allow so small a parcel of time to the great Master both of Heaven and Earth, when he shall believe it just and reasonable to demand so many hours service in each day from those that stand but in the same Relation to himself?

I have but one thing more to advise him now in this Relation, which is, that he would enjoin all those of his family, with all submissive reverence, to say Amen to every one of these Prayers. For by this means he will not only prevent the sleeping away their duty, and keep them attentive in it; but make them give some testimony also of that fervent desire, of that full assurance, and of that sweet harmony and consent which ought to accompany their petitions to God.

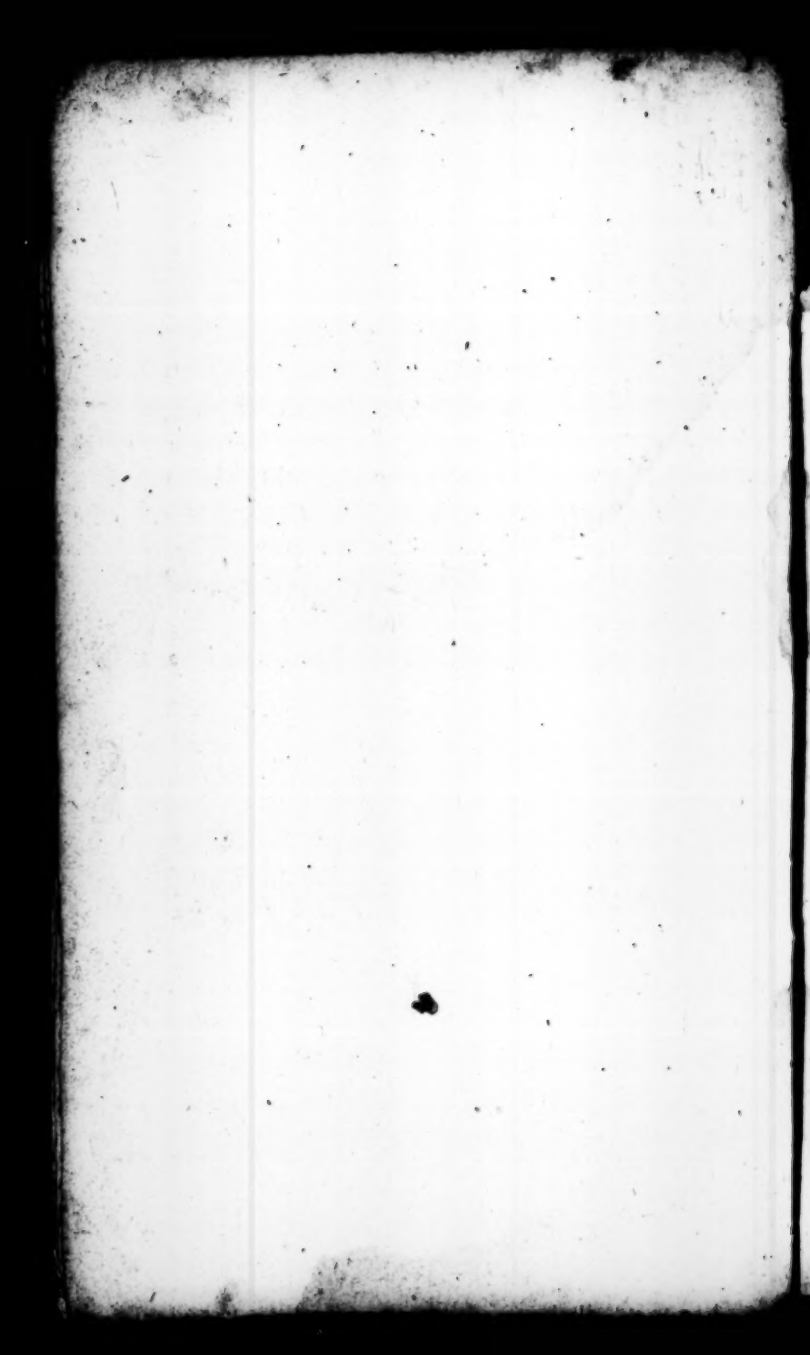
Besides these Three Services, I have likewise collected several other Occasional
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Devotions. And to what special purposes these will serve, the Contents shall shew.

I have but one thing more to add concerning these Prayers, which is, that they are not only as full and clear, as significant and expressive of our general needs, as any Form whatsoever can be ; but also that they are as valuable and considerable as any for their Authority, being the words of the most glorious and perfect amongst the Reformed Churches : and that we have the greatest reason to believe, that God who has so often appeared in the defense of this Church, and shewn himself from time to time so eminently gracious in her wonderful preservation, is also well pleased with her pious Devotions, which she offers up to Him only in the Name of his beloved Son, in whom he has declared himself to be well pleased.

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And he spake a Parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.

Col. 4. 2. Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.

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MORNING PRATER.

Pfal. 65. 2. 1 King. 8. 28.

*O thou that hearest Prayer, unto whom all
flesh ought to come : Have Thou respect
unto the Prayers of thy Servants, and
to our Supplications, O Lord our God ;
to hearken unto the cry and to the Pray-
ers which thy Servants make before
thee this day.*

ALmighty and most merciful Fa-
ther; We have erred and strayed
from thy ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts. We have
offended against thy holy laws. We
have left undone those things which
we ought to have done ; And we have
done those things which we ought not
to have done ; And there is no health
in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy
upon us miserable offenders. Spare thou
them, O God, who confess their faults ;

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Restore thou them that are penitent ;
According to thy promises declared un-
to mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord.
And Grant, O most merciful Father, for
his sake ; That we may hereafter live
a godly, righteous, and sober life ; to
the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

A Lmighty and everlasting God, who
hatest nothing that thou hast made,
and dost forgive the sins of all them
that are penitent ; Create and make in
us new and contrite hearts, that we
worthily lamenting our sins, and ac-
knowledging our wretchedness, may ob-
tain of thee, the God of all mercy, per-
fect remission and forgiveness, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, we beseech thee, absolve us
from our offences ; that through
thy bountiful goodness we may all be de-
livered from the bands of those sins,
which by our frailty we have commit-
ted. Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for
Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and
Saviour. *Amen.*

GRant, we beseech thee, Almighty
God, that we, who for our evil
deeds do worthily deserve to be punish-
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ed, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright, Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord, we beseech thee, grant us grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty Lord, & everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

PRevent us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord our Heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day ; Defend us in the same by thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger ; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy sight through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern them, whom thou dost bring up in thy stedfast fear and love ; keep us we beseech thee under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth ; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give to us those things which be profitable for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy household, the Church, in continual godliness, that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified ; Receive our supplications and prayers , which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Almighty God, whose Kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite, have mercy upon the whole Church, and so rule the heart of thy chosen Ser-

vant *WILLIAM*, our King and Governour, that he (knowing whose Minister he is) may above all things seek thy honour and glory; and that we, and all his subjects (duly considering whose authority he hath) may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey him, in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed word and ordinance, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee, and the holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth ever one God, World without end. *Amen.*

O Lord our God, who upholdest and governeſt all things in heaven and earth, receive our humble Prayers, for our Sovereign Lord, *WILLIAM*, ſet over us by thy grace and providence to be our King: and ſo, together with him, bleſs the whole Royal Family, with the dew of thy heavenly Spirit, that he, ever truſting in thy goodneſs, protected by thy power, and crowned with thy gracious and endleſs favour, may continue before thee, in health, peace, joy, and honour, a long and happy life upon earth, and after death, obtain everlaſting life and glory in the kingdom of heaven,
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by the merits and mediation of Christ Jesus our Saviour ; who, with the Father and the holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Most gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for this kingdom in general, so especially for all those whom thou hast raised up to the government of the same ; that thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations and actions, to the advancement of thy Glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of his Majesty, and his Kingdomes ; that all things may be so order'd and settled, by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that Peace and Happiness, Truth and Justice, Religion and Piety may be established among us for all generations. These, and all other necessities for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers orders in thy Church ; give thy Grace, we humbly

beseech thee, to all those who are called to any office and administration in the same, (*especially to those whom thou hast set over us to be our spiritual Guides and Instructors;*) and to replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great name, and the benefit of thy holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlasting God, who makest us both to will and to do those things that be good and acceptable to thy Divine Majesty; We make our humble supplications to thee for all our Benefactors, Friends, Relations, and also for our very Enemies. Let thy fatherly hand, we beseech thee, ever be over them; let thy holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledg and obedience of thy word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with thee, and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth,

truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our Creation, Preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the Redemption of the world, by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with thee, and the
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Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks, that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace and faith in thee. Increase this knowledg, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give us thy holy Spirit, that we being born again, and made heirs of everlasting Salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, may continue thy servants, and attain thy promises, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee, and the holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, we give thee humble thanks for that thou hast vouchsafed to deliver us *from all the perils and dangers of the Night past*: And now we beseech thee, most Merciful Father, grant that we through thy help may both faithfully live, and walk according to thy will in this life present, and also may be partakers of everlasting glory in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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ALmighty God, who hast given us grace, at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name, thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for us; granting us in this world knowledg of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

OUr Father, which art in Heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the holy Ghost, be with us all, this day and ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER at NOON.

Psal. 55. 18.

In the Evening, and the Morning, and at Noon-day, will we pray, and that instantly: O Lord, hear our voice.

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy Commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee, such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love towards thee, that we
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loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord of all power and might, who art the Author and Giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true Religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of Faith, Hope, and Charity; and that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Keepe, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church, with thy perpetual mercy, And because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our Salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true Religion, that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly

ly grace, may evermore be defended by thy mighty power, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE yield thee hearty thanks, most Merciful Father, that it hath pleased thee to regenerate us with thy holy Spirit, to receive us for thine own Children by adoption, and to incorporate us into thy holy Church, and humbly we beseech thee to grant, that we being dead unto sin, and living unto righteousness, and being buried with Christ in his death, may crucify the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin; and that as we are made partakers of the death of thy Son, we may also be partakers of his Resurrection, so that finally, with the residue of thy holy Church, we may be inheritors of thine everlasting Kingdome, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlasting God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer to thy Divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire

spire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant, that all they that do confesse thy holy Name, may agree in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes and Governours; and especially thy Servant *WILLIAM*, our King and Governour, that under him we may be godly and quietly governed: And grant unto his whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintainance of thy true religion and vertue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates (*more particularly to those under whose care thou hast placed us,*) that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and especially to us here present, that with meek heart, and due reverence, we may ever hear, and receive thy holy word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

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And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name, for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us Grace, so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly Kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

O Merciful God, who hast made all men and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor wouldest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live: Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Hereticks; and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved amongst the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold, under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent they may return into the way of righteousness; grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant that thy holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Son's Name; We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us, that have made now our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things that we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father which art in Heaven;
Hallowed be thy Name. Thy King-
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dom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THe peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us, always. *Amen.*

PRAYER at NIGHT.

Psal. 141. 1, 2.

*Lord we call upon thee, haste thee unto us,
and consider our voice when we cry unto
thee, Let our Prayers be set forth in thy
sight as the Incense; and let the lifting
up of our hands be an Evening-Sacrifice.*

ALmighty and most merciful Father;
We have erred, and strayed from
thy ways like lost sheep. We have fol-
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lowed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, we beseech thee, absolve us from our offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen*

GRant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

GRant unto us, we beseech thee, Merciful Lord, (and to all thy faithful people) pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto us thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass
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our time in rest and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of our selves to help our selves; Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our Souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the Soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things, which be profitable for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness so keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we being ready both in body and soul, may chearfully accomplish those things that thou would'st have done, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same in his vocation and
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ministry, may truly and godly serve thee, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlasting God, we are taught by thy holy Word, that the hearts of Kings are in thy rule and governance, and that thou dost dispose and turn them as it seemeth best to thy godly wisdom; We humbly beseech thee so to dispose and govern the heart of *WILLIAM*, thy servant, our King and Governour, that in all his thoughts, words, and works, he may ever seek thy honour and glory, and study to preserve thy people committed to his charge, in wealth, peace, and godliness. Grant this, O merciful Father, for thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord our God, who upholdest and governest all things in heaven and earth: Receive our humble prayers for our Sovereign Lord, *WILLIAM*, set over us by thy grace and providence to be our King: And so together with him bless the whole Royal Family with the dew of thy heavenly Spirit, that they ever trusting in thy goodness, protected

by thy power, and crowned with thy gracious and endless favour, may continue before thee in health, peace, joy, and honour, a long and happy life upon earth, and after death obtain everlasting life and glory in the kingdom of heaven, by the merits and mediation of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who with the Father, and the holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Most gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for this Kingdom in general, so especially for all those whom thou hast raised up to the government of the same; that thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations and actions to the advancement of thy Glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of his Majesty, and his Kingdoms; that all things may be so order'd and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that Peace and Happiness, Truth and Justice, Religion and Piety may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessities for them, for us, and

and thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers orders in thy Church: Give thy Grace we humbly beseech thee, to all those who are called to any office and administration in the same, (*especially to those whom thou hast set over us to be our spiritual Guides and Instructors,*) and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and the benefit of thy holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlasting God, who makest us both to will, and to do those things that be good and acceptable to thy Divine Majesty: We make our humble supplications to thee for all our Benefactors, Friends, Relations, and also for our very Enemies. Let thy fatherly hand, we beseech thee, ever be over them; let thy holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the know-

knowledge and obedience of thy word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with thee and the holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, who shewest to them that be in error, the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our Creation, Preservation, *That of this day in particular*, and all the blessings of this life, but above all for thine inestimable love in the Redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And

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we beseech thee give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days through Jesus Christ our Lord ; to whom, with thee and the holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlasting God, heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks, that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace and faith in thee. Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give us thy holy Spirit, that we being born again, and made heirs of everlasting Salvation, through our Lord Jesus Christ, may continue thy Servants, and attain thy promises, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee, and the holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth ; Mercifully hear the supplica-

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cations of thy servants, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OUr Father which art in heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

UNto thy mercy and protection, O God, we commit our selves this night and evermore. O Lord, bless and keep us. Lord, make thy face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. Lord, lift up thy countenance upon us, and give us peace both now and evermore. *Amen.*

PRAYERS *to be said upon days of Fasting and Humi- liation for our Sins.*

*Pfal. 51. 1. Have mercy upon us, O God,
after thy great goodness ; according to
the multitude of thy mercies, do away
our offences.*

*2. Wash us thoroughly from our wickedness ;
and cleanse us from our Sins.*

*3. For we acknowledge our Faults ; and
our sins are ever before us.*

*9. Turn thy face from our sins ; and put
out all our misdeeds.*

*10. Make us a clean heart, O God, and re-
new a right spirit within us.*

*11. Cast us not away from thy presence ;
and take not thy holy spirit from us.*

*12. O give us the comfort of thy help
again ; and stablish us with thy free
spirit.*

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Jesus Christ, Maker of all things,
Judge of all Men ; We acknowledge and
bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
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ously have committed by thought, word
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and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our mis-doings: The remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, Most Merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past. And grant, that we may ever hereafter serve, and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Most mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather return from his sin, and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; Receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burthen of our sins. Thy property is always to have Mercy, to Thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, Good Lord, Spare us whom thou hast redeemed. Enter not into judgment with thy servants who are vile earth, and miserable
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ble sinners : But so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults ; and so make hast to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TURN thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable O Lord, be favourable unto us, who turn to thee in weeping, fasting and praying. For thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, and in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare us, good Lord, Spare us ; and let us not be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great ; and after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us, through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy Grace may mercifully be reliev'd, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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ALmighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and are wont to give more than either we desire, or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the Devil, and make us the Sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; Grant, we beseech thee, that having this hope, we may purify our selves, even as he is pure; that when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom, where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Lord, we beseech thee, grant us grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the Devil; and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the onely God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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O Lord, raise up. (we pray thee) thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us ; that whereas through our sins and wickedness we are fore-let and hindred in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us, through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord ; to whom, with thee and the holy Ghost be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, Mercifully accept our Prayers : and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, Grant us the help of thy Grace, that in keeping thy Commandments we may please thee both in will and deed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord of all power and might, who art the Author and Giver of all good things ; Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true Religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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GRant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the Creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all Nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholick Church, that it may be so guided and governed by thy good spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians, may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any
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ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy, and to forgive, receive our humble petitions: and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us, for the honour of Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Almighty God the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; We beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities: and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth

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as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

P R A Y E R S to be said in any time of Trouble or Affliction.

TURN thou us, O God our Saviour, and let thine anger cease from us. *Psal.* 85. 4.

Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last, & be gracious unto thy servants, *Psf.* 90. 13.

O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon; so shall we rejoice, and be glad all the days of our life, *Psal.* 90. 14.

Comfort us again, now and after the time that thou hast plagued us, and for the days wherein we have suffered adversity. *Psal.* 90. 15.

[*Because we are to look upon all troubles and afflictions, not only as tryals of our faith and patience, but also as punishments for our sins; therefore it may not be unseasonable at this time to humble our selves for them before God in fasting and Prayer. To this end,*
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before these following Prayers, you may premise as many as you shall think fit out of the foregoing Service for Humiliation. However omit not the three first, viz. the Confession, and those two in the Commination.

ALmighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear, than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church, in continual godliness, that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful; Mercifully assist our Prayers, that we make before thee in all our troubles and

adversities, whensoever they oppress us ; and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtlety of the Devil or Manworketh against us be brought to nought, and by the providence of thy goodness they may be dispersed, that we thy servants being hurt by no *manner of suffering* , may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities ; and for the glory of thy Name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved, and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory, through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy servants, that we who are justly punished for our offences, may mercifully be delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name, through Jesus Christ our
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Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the holy Ghost, ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who of thy tender love towards mankind hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the Cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his Resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto us thy servants, that we may love the things which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; so that among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy Kingdom in heaven; We beseech thee leave us

not comfortless, but send us thine holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, we may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OUr Father which art in heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass
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against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PRATERS for the Sick.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our fore-fathers, neither take thou vengeance of our sins : Spare us good Lord, spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Ans. Spare us, good Lord.

ALmighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men ; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings : The remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burthen of them is intolerable.. Have mercy

cy upon us, Have mercy upon us, Most Merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; And grant, that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in Newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen:

O Most mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather return from his sin, and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses: Receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burthen of our sins: Thy property is always to have Mercy; to Thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, Good Lord, Spare us, whom thou hast redeemed. Enter not into judgment with thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners: But so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledg our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults; and so make hast to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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GRant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

GRant unto us, we beseech thee Merciful Lord, (and to all thy faithful people) pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

If the Sick person shews any great remorse and sorrow for his former sins (which every friendly Visitor should endeavour to excite in him) then use the prayer following.

O Most merciful God, who according 2
to the multitude of thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that thou remembrest them no more : Open thine eye of mercy upon this thy servant, who most earnestly desireth pardon and forgiveness. Renew in *him* (most loving Father) whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the Devil, or by *his* own carnal will and frailness. Preserve and continue
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this sick member in the unity of the Church: Consider *his* contrition, accept *his* tears, assuage *his* pain, as shall seem to thee most expedient for *him*. And forasmuch as *he* putteth *his* full trust only in thy mercy, impute not unto *him* *his* former sins, but strengthen *him* with thy blessed Spirit: And when thou art pleas'd to take *him* hence, take *him* into thy favour, through the merits of thy most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

2 **O** Lord look down, from heaven; behold, visit, and relieve *this* thy servant. Look upon *him* with the eyes of thy mercy; give *him* comfort and sure confidence in thee; defend *him* from the danger of the enemy, and keep *him* in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

3 **H**ear us, Almighty and most merciful God and Saviour; extend thy accustomed goodness to this thy servant, who is grieved with sickness. Sanctify, we beseech thee, this thy Fatherly correction to *him*; that the sense of *his* weakness may add strength to *his* faith, and seriousness to *his* repentance; that
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if it shall be thy good pleasure to restore *him* to *his* former health, *he* may lead the residue of *his* life in thy fear, and to thy glory: Or else give *him* grace so to take thy Visitation, that after this painful life ended, *he* may dwell with thee in life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. O most merciful.* 43

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ker of Mankind, who dost correct those whom thou dost love, and chastise every one whom thou dost receive; we beseech thee so to have mercy upon *this* thy servant visited with thine hand, as to grant that *he* may take *his* sickness patiently, and recover *his* bodily health (if it be thy gracious will) and whensoever *his* soul shall depart from the body, that it may be without spot presented unto thee through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; so by continually mortifying our corrupt affections, we may be buried with him, and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to a joyful resurrection, for his

his merits who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

O God the King of glory, who hast exalted thine own Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

PRATERS for the Sick, when there appeareth small hope of recovery.

[You may use here some of the foregoing Prayers for the Sick, (as far as the condition of the person shall bear, or require it,) and so proceed to the following.]

5 **O** Father of Mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We fly unto thee for succour in behalf of this thy servant, here lying under thy hand in great weakness of body

body. Look graciously upon *him*. O Lord; and the more the outward man decayeth, strengthen *him* we beseech thee, so much the more continually with thy Grace and holy Spirit in the inner man. Give *him* unfeigned repentance for all the errors of *his* life past, and stedfast faith in thy Son Jesus, that *his* sins may be done away by thy mercy, and *his* pardon seal'd in heaven, before *he* go hence, and be no more seen. We know, O Lord, that there is no word impossible with thee; and that if thou wilt, thou can'st even yet raise *him* up, and grant *him* a longer continuance amongst us. Yet, for as much as in all appearance the time of *his* departure draweth near, so fit and prepare *him*, we beseech thee, against the hour of death, that after *his* departure hence in peace, and in thy favour, *his* soul may be received into thine everlasting Kingdom, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, with whom do live [6]
the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons; We humbly commend
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the soul of this thy fervant, our dear brother, into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour; most humbly beseeching thee, that it may be precious in thy sight. Wash it, we pray thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb, that was slain to take away the sins of the World; that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and naughty world, through the lusts of the flesh, or the wiles of Satan, being Purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before thee. And teach us all to see how frail and uncertain our condition is, and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our hearts unto that holy and heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. *Amen.*

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

IN the midst of life we are in death;
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of thee, O Lord, who for our sins are justly displeased?

Yet O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest Lord the secrets of our heart : Shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer ; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge Eternal, suffer us not at our last hour for any pains of death to fall from thee. *Amen.*

O Merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life ; in whom whosoever believeth, shall live, though he dye ; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in him, shall not dye eternally : We meekly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin, unto the life of righteousness, that when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him, and that at the general resurrection in the last day we may be found acceptable in thy sight, and receive that blessing which thy well beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee,

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saying, Come ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ our mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

- 7 **O** Ur Father which art in heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*
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PRAYERS for a Sick CHILD.

- [8] **O** Almighty God, and Merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; Look down from heaven, we humbly beseech thee, with the eyes of mercy upon this child, now lying upon the bed of sickness. Visit *him*, O Lord, with thy salvation; Deliver *him* in thy good appointed time
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from *his* bodily pain, and save *his* soul for thy mercies sake: That if it shall be thy good pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to thee, and be an instrument of thy glory, by serving thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* generation; or else receive *him* into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of them that sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for thy mercies sake, in the same thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALmighty and Immortal God, the aid of all that need, the helper of all that flee to thee for succour, the life of them that believe, and the resurrection of the dead; We call upon thee for this child. And as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask, and ye shall have; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: so give now unto us that ask, let us that seek, find; open the gate to us that knock, that this child may enjoy the everlasting *benediction of thy heavenly grace*, and may come to the eternal

kingdom which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

DEfend, O Lord, this thy child with thy heavenly grace, that he may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy holy Spirit more and more, until *he* come unto thine everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

Our Father which art in Heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PRAYERS for those that are troubled in Mind or Conscience.

O Lord, look down from heaven; behold, visit, and relieve *this* thy servant. Look upon *him* with the eyes of thy mercy; give *him* comfort and sure confidence in thee; defend *him* from the danger.

danger of the enemy, and keep *him* in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Blessed Lord, the Father of mer-[9]
cies, and the God of all comforts;
We beseech thee look down in pity and
compassion upon this thy afflicted ser-
vant. Thou writest bitter things against
him, and makest *him* to possess *his* for-
mer iniquities: thy wrath lyeth hard
upon *him*, and *his* soul is full of trouble.
But O merciful God, who hast written
thy holy word for our learning, that
we through patience and comfort of thy
holy Scriptures might have hope; give
him a right understanding of *himself*,
and of thy threats and promises, that *he*
may neither cast away *his* confidence in
thee, nor place it any where else but
in thee. Give *him* strength against all
his temptations, and heal all *his* distem-
pers. Break not the bruised reed, nor
quench the smoking flax. Shut not up
thy tender mercies in displeasure; but
make *him* to hear of joy and gladness,
that the bones which thou hast broken
may rejoice. Deliver *him* from fear
of the enemy, and lift up the light of

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thy countenance upon *him*, and give *him* peace, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRant, we beseech thee, Merciful Lord, to all thy faithful People (and especially to this thy servant) pardon and peace, that they may be cleans'd from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who hast taught the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoyce in his holy comfort, through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God world without end. *Amen.*

WE humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of thy Name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved, and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy

thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory, through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Lmighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and are wont to give more than either we desire, or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

P R A T E R S before you go to Church.

A Lmighty and Merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh, that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee ; Grant that the Ministers and Stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the holy Spirit, ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ dost give to the Ministers of thy Church many excellent gifts , and commandest them earnestly to feed thy flock ; Make, we beseech thee, all Bishops and Pastors, (*especially those whom thou hast set over us*) diligently to preach thy holy word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory , through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself

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self being the head Corner-stone ; Grant
us to be so joined together in unity of
spirit by their doctrine, that we may be
made an holy Temple acceptable unto
thee : And give us grace, that being not
like children carried away with every
blast of vain doctrine we may be estab-
lished in the truth of thy holy Gospel,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

*P R A T E R S when you are come
into the Church.*

ALmighty and everlasting God, I
humbly beseech thy Majesty, that
as thy only begotten Son was once pre-
sented in the Temple in substance of
our flesh ; so I, and every one of us,
may now and evermore be presented
unto thee with pure and clean hearts,
by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our
Lord. *Amen.*

BLessed Lord, who hast caused all
holy Scriptures to be written for
our Learning ; Grant that we may in
such wise hear them, read, mark, learn,
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and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*P R A Y E R S when you are
come from Church.*

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting Life; Grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that obeying his doctrine, and following his steps, we may stedfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life, through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord of all power and might, who art the Author and Giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true Religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord

Prayers when you are come from &c. 39

Lord we pray thee, that thy Grace may always prevent and follow us; and make us continually to be given to all good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy servants which call upon thee, and grant that we may both perceive and know what things we ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS

P R A Y E R S
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S A C R A M E N T -- D A Y S.

*In the Morning before you go out
of your House.*

ALmighty God, who through thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life ; We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace preventing us, thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALmighty Father , who hast given thine only Son to dye for our sins, and to rise again for our justification ; Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always

ways serve thee in pureness of living and truth, through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope and charity; and that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty God our heavenly Father, who hast this day called and invited us to thy holy table, where will be administred the most comfortable Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, to be received in remembrance of his meritorious cross and passion, whereby alone we obtain remission of our sins, and are made partakers of the kingdom of heaven. We give thee most humble
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and hearty thanks for that thou hast given thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, not only to dye for us, but also to be our spiritual food and sustenance in that holy Sacrament. Which being so divine and comfortable a thing to them, who receive it worthily, and so dangerous to them, who presume to receive it unworthily: We most humbly beseech thee to give us thy grace, that we may truly consider the dignity of that holy mystery, and the great peril of the unworthy receiving thereof; as also that we may so search and examine our own consciences, (and that not lightly, and after the manner of dissemblers with thee our God, but so) that we may come holy and clean to such a heavenly feast, in the marriage garment required by thy blessed Son in holy Scripture, and be received as worthy partakers of that holy Table. Grant this, O Lord, for the sake of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the Church, when you are first preparing for the Sacrament.

I Know, O Lord, that the benefit is great, if with a true penitent heart and lively faith we receive this holy Sacrament, (for then we spiritually eat the Flesh of Christ, and drink his Blood; then we dwell in Christ, and Christ in us; then we are one with Christ, and Christ with us:) Grant therefore, good Lord, that I, and every one of us now approaching thereunto, may repent us truly for our sins past, have a lively and stedfast faith in Christ our Saviour, that we may amend our lives, be in perfect charity with all men, and so become meet partakers of those holy mysteries. *Amen.*

O Blessed Jesu, who (to the end that we should always remember thy exceeding great love in dying for us, and the innumerable benefits which by thy precious blood-shedding thou hast obtained to us,) didst institute and ordain such holy mysteries as pledges of thy love, and for a continual remembrance

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brance of thy death, to our great and endless comfort : To thee, with the Father and the holy Ghost, I will continually give (as I am bound) most hearty thanks, submitting my self wholly to thy holy will and pleasure, and studying to serve thee in true holiness and righteousness all the days of my life. And in this resolution, do thou, O blessed Jesu, strengthen me, I beseech thee, for thy Name sake. *Amen.*

*During the Celebration of the
Sacrament.*

[The Elements being consecrated, whilst others are receiving, say as many of the following prayers as you can till you come to receive your self.]

O Merciful God, grant that the old *Adam* may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in me. *Amen.*

Grant that all carnal affections may dye in me, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in me. *Amen.*

Grant that I may have power and
strength

strength to have victory, and to triumph
against the devil, the world, and the flesh.
Amen.

Grant that I, and all those that are
now dedicating themselves to thee at
thy holy Table, may also be endued with
heavenly vertues, and everlastingly re-
warded, through thy mercy O blessed
Lord God, who dost live and govern all
things, world without end. *Amen.*

O God, the Father of heaven, have
mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world
have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O God the holy Ghost, proceeding
from the Father and the Son, have mer-
cy upon us, miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity,
three Persons and one God, have mercy
upon us, miserable sinners.

Remember not, Lord, our offences,
nor the offences of our fore-fathers, nei-
ther take thou vengeance of our sins:
Spare us good Lord, spare thy people
whom thou hast redeemed with thy
most precious blood, and be not angry
with us for ever.

From all evil and mischief, from sin,
from the crafts and assaults of the devil,

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from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation, Good Lord deliver us.

From all blindness of heart ; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy ; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness, Good Lord deliver us.

May it please thee, good Lord, to give us an heart to love and dread thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments.

May it please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace, to hear meekly thy word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit.

May it please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived.

May it please thee to strengthen such as do stand, and to comfort and help the weak hearted, and to raise up them that fall, and finally to beat down Satan under our feet.

May it please thee to succour, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation ; to defend and provide for the Fatherless Children and Widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed.

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May it please thee to have mercy upon all men ; to forgive all our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts.

May it please thee to give us all true repentance, to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances, and to endue us with the grace of thy holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to thy holy word.

Son of God, I beseech thee to hear me.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world ; Grant us thy peace.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world ; Have mercy upon us.

O Saviour of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood, hast redeemed us ; save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Almighty God, I beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the Cross, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive my supplications and prayers, which I offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same in his vocation and Ministry, may truly and godly serve thee, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

OMerciful God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor wouldest the death of a sinner, but rather that he would be converted and live; Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Hereticks, and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word; and so fetch them home, Blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold, under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, and the holy spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may re-
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turn into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O Lord, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O God, who hast taught the hearts of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O God, who declarest thy Almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity; Mercifully grant unto

us such a measure of thy grace, that we running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the Devil, and make us the Sons of God, and heirs of eternal life, Grant us, I beseech thee, that having this hope, we may all purify our selves, even as he is pure; that when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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ALmighty God, who hast given
thine only Son to be unto us both
a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample
of godly life; Give us grace that we
may always most thankfully receive that
his inestimable benefit, and also daily
endeavour to follow the blessed steps of
his most holy life, through the same
Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[If you have not said over all these Prayers
when the Minister is ready to tender unto
you the Bread, then after receiving it, go
on with the rest till he is coming to give
you the Cup. If any yet remain unsaid, you
may place them as is hereafter directed.
But if they shall not hold out till the Cup
is at hand, you may supply that interval
from some of the Scripture Meditations at
the end of this Service.]

*When the Minister is drawing nigh
towards you, say;*

OUr Father which art in heaven;
Hallowed be thy Name. Thy King-
dom come. Thy will be done in earth,
as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread. And forgive us our tref-
passes,

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passes, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the inspiration of thy holy Spirit, that I may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRant me, I beseech thee, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that my sinful body may be made clean by his body, and my soul washed through his most precious blood, and that I may evermore dwell in him, and he in me. *Amen.*

*When he is about to deliver to you
the Bread, say;*

LEt thy body, I beseech thee, O Lord Jesu Christ, which was given for me, preserve my body and soul unto everlasting life: and grant that I may
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take and eat this in remembrance that thou hast died for me, and feed on thee in my heart by faith with thanksgiving.

Amen.

*When he is about to deliver to you
the Cup, say;*

LEt thy Blood, I beseech thee, O Lord Jesu Christ, which was shed for me, preserve my body and soul unto everlasting life: And grant that I may drink this in remembrance that thy Blood was shed for me, and be thankful. *Amen.*

After you have received both say;

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the holy Ghost.

As it was &c.

IT is very meet, right, and my bounden duty, that I should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God: and particularly at this time, and in this place, because thou hast now vouchsafed to feed me at thy holy Table with the Body and Blood of thy only Son, and my only Saviour Jesus Christ,

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to my very great comfort, to the strengthening and refreshing of my soul. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, with all the company of heaven, and with thy faithful people here on earth, I laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts; Heaven and Earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, ☉ Lord most high. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everliving God, I most heartily thank thee for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed, not me only, but all those likewise who do now duly receive those holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And I most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist me, and every one of us
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with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in, through Jesus Christ our Lord ; to whom with thee and the holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical Body of thy Son Christ our Lord ; Grant us Grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all vertuous and godly living ; that we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, I beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments, that through thy most mighty protection both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Lord

Lord of all power and might, who art the Author and Giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true Religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Strengthen us, I beseech thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in us thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength; the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill us, O Lord, with the spirit of thy holy fear, now and for ever. *Amen.*

O Lord bless and keep us: O Lord make thy face to shine upon us: O Lord, lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, and give us peace both now and evermore. *Amen.*

If any of the forementioned Prayers remain unsaid, place them here; but if none, then till the rest have communicated, exercise your thoughts upon such of these Meditations as you have not used before.

Pious

*Pious Meditations and Prayers out
of the Psalms.*

P*Sal.* 16. 1. Preserve me, O God, for
in thee have I put my trust.

Psf. 17. 5. O hold thou up my goings
in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.

Psf. 19. 12, Who can tell how oft he
offendeth? O cleanse thou me from my
secret faults.

13, Keep thy servant also from pre-
sumptuous sins, lest they get the domini-
on over me: so shall I be undefiled and
innocent from the great offence.

Psf. 51. 1, Have mercy upon me, O
God, after thy great goodness; according
to the multitude of thy mercies do away
mine offences.

2, Wash me thoroughly from my wick-
edness, and cleanse me from my sin.

3, For I acknowledge my faults, and
my sin is ever before me.

5, Behold, I was shapen in wicked-
ness; and in sin did my mother con-
ceive me.

6, But lo thou requirest truth in
the inward parts, and shalt make me
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to understand wisdom secretly.

7, Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean, thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8, Thou shalt make me to hear of joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Pf. 103. 1, Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, praise his holy name.

2, Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

3, Who forgiveth all thy sin, and healeth all thine infirmities.

4, Who saveth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;

5. Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, making thee young and lusty as an Eagle.

8, The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering, and of great goodness:

9, He will not always be chiding, neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

10, He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

11, For look how high the heaven is

in comparifon of the earth, fo great is his mercy alfo towards them that fear him.

12, Look how wide alfo the Eaſt is from the Weſt, fo far hath he put our fins from us;

13, Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children, even ſo is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

14, For he knoweth whereof we are made, he remembreth that we are but duſt.

Pſ. 145. 9, The Lord is loving unto every man, and his mercy is over all his works.

10, All thy works praise thee, O Lord, and thy Saints give thanks unto thee.

11, They ſhew the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power.

12, That thy power, thy glory, and mightineſs of thy kingdom might be known unto men.

13, Thy kingdom is an everlaſting kingdom; and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

14, The Lord upholdeth all ſuch as fall, and liſteth up all thoſe that be down.

15, The eyes of all wait upon thee,

O Lord ; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

16, Thou openest thy hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

17, The Lord is righteous in all his ways ; and holy in all his works.

18, The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him ; yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.

19, He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him ; He also will hear their cry, and will help them.

20, The Lord preserveth all them that love him ; but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.

21, My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord ; and let all flesh give thanks unto thy holy Name for ever and ever.

Pf. 92. 1, It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy Name, O most High.

2. To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning, and of thy truth in the night-season.

4, For thou Lord hast made me glad, through thy works, and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.

Pf. 111. 1, I will give thanks unto the Lord

Lord with my whole heart, secretly among the faithful, and in the Congregation.

2, The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

3, His work is worthy to be praised, and had in honour ; and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4, The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works, that they ought to be had in remembrance.

5. He hath given meat unto them that fear him ; He shall be ever mindful of his Covenant.

7, The works of his hands are verity and judgment ; and all his Commandments are true.

8, They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and equity.

9, He hath sent Redemption unto his people, He hath commanded his Covenant for ever : Holy and Reverend is his Name.

Ps. 118. 19, Open me the gates of righteousness, that I may go into them and give thanks unto the Lord.

20, This is the gate of the Lord, the righteous shall enter into it.

21, I will thank thee, for thou hast heard

heard me; and art become my salvation.

22, The same stone which the builders refused, is become the head-stone of the corner.

23, This is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24, This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25, Help me now, O Lord; O Lord send us now prosperity.

26, Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: We have wished you good luck, ye that are of the house of our God.

27, God is the Lord, who hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, yea, even unto the horns of the Altar.

28, Thou art my God, and I will thank thee; thou art my God and I will praise thee.

Psf. 71. 7. O let my mouth be filled with thy praise, that I may sing of thy glory and honour all the day long.

Psf. 48. 8. We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

Psf. 84. 1. O how amiable are thy dwellings thou Lord of Hosts.

4, Blessed are they that dwell in thy house;

house; they will be always praising thee;

10, For one day in thy Courts, is better than a thousand.

11, I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

12, For the Lord is a light and defense, the Lord will give grace and worship: and no good thing will he withhold from them that live a godly life.

Pf. 27. 4. One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require; even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

Pf. 65. 4. For blessed is the man whom thou choolest, O Lord, and receivest unto thee, that he may dwell in thy Courts, and be satisfied with thy pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy Temple.

Pf. 92. 11. Such as be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the Courts of the house of our God.

13, They also shall bring forth more fruit in their age, and shall be fat and well-liking.

Pf. 36. 8. They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house; and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures as out of the rivers.

9, For with thee is the well of life,
and in thy light shall we see light.

10, O continue forth thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee, and thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart.

Psal. 40. 19. Let all those that seek thee, be joyful and glad in thee: and let all such as love thy salvation, say alway, The Lord be praised.

Psf. 7. 9. O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end; but guide thou the just.

Psf. 125. 4. Do well, O Lord, unto those that be good and true of heart.

Psf. 119. 17. O do well unto thy servant, that I may live, and hear thy word.

18, Open thou mine eyes, that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.

19, I am a stranger upon earth; O hide not thy commandments from me.

20. My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire that it hath alway unto thy judgments.

25, My soul cleaveth unto the dust, O quicken thou me according to thy word.

26, I have acknowledged my ways, and thou heardest me, O teach me thy statutes.

27, Make me to understand the way of thy

thy commandments, and so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

33, Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I will keep it unto the end.

34, Give me understanding, and I shall keep it with my whole heart.

35, Make me to go in the path of thy commandments, for therein is my delight.

36, Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

37, O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.

38. O stablish thy word in thy servant, that I may fear thee.

41, Let thy loving mercy come also unto me, O Lord; even thy salvation according to thy word.

42, So shall I make answer to my blasphemers; for my trust is in thy word.

43, O take not the word of thy truth utterly out of my mouth, for my hope is in thy judgments.

44. So shall I always keep thy law; yea, for ever and ever.

47, And my delight shall be in thy commandments which I have loved.

57, Thou art my portion, O Lord; I have promised to keep thy law.

58. I made my humble petition in thy presence, with my whole heart: O be merciful unto me according to thy word.

73. Thy hands have made me and fashioned me, O give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

80. O let my heart be found in thy statutes, that I be not ashamed.

88. O quicken me after thy loving-kindness, and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth.

97. Lord, what love have I unto thy law! all the day long is my study in it.

103. O how sweet are thy words unto my throat! yea, sweeter than hony to my mouth.

104. Through thy commandments I get understanding, therefore I hate all wicked ways.

105. Thy word is a lanthorn unto my feet, and a light unto my paths.

106. I have sworn, and am stedfastly purposed to keek thy righteous judgments.

108. Let the free-will-offering of my mouth please thee O Lord, and teach me thy judgments.

111. Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever; and why? they are the very joy of my heart.

112, I have applied my heart to fulfil thy statutes alway, even unto the end.

113, I hate them that imagine evil things, but thy law do I love.

114, Thou art my defence and shield, and my trust is in thy word.

115, Away from me, ye wicked, I will keep the commandments of my God.

116, O stablish me according unto thy word, that I may live; and let me not be disappointed of my hope.

117, Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe; yea, my delight shall ever be in thy statutes.

122, Make thou thy servant to delight in that which is good.

124, O deal with thy servant according unto thy loving mercy, and teach me thy statutes.

125. I am thy servant; O grant me understanding, that I may know thy statutes.

127, For I love thy commandments above gold and precious stones.

128. Therefore hold I straight all thy commandments, and all false ways I utterly abhor.

132, O look thou upon me and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy Name.

133. Order my steps in thy word, and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.

135. Shew the light of thy countenance upon thy servant, and teach me thy statutes.

145, I call with my whole heart, hear me, O Lord; I will keep thy statutes.

146, Yea even upon thee do I call, help me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

147, Early in the morning do I cry unto thee; for in thy word is my trust.

148, Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might be occupied in thy words.

149. Hear my voice, O Lord, according to thy loving-kindness; quicken me according as thou art wont.

156. Great is thy mercy, O Lord quicken me as thou art wont.

159. Consider, O Lord, how I love thy commandments; O quicken me according to thy loving-kindness.

171, So my lips shall speak of thy praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

172, Yea, my tongue shall sing of thy word, for all thy commandments are righteous.

Psal. 71. 13. My mouth shall daily
speak

Speak of thy righteousness and salvation, for I know no end thereof.

Psal. 145. 1, I will magnify thee, O Lord my king, and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.

2. Every day will I give thanks unto thee, and praise thy Name for ever and ever.

21. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

Amen.

A Table of Sins, both of Omission and Commission, with respect to God, our Neighbours, and our Selves; very needful to be perused with diligence by all those who would fully know, rightly confess, and sincerely repent of the same.

Sins of Omission and Commission with respect to GOD.

THE FIRST Commandment is violated by sins of Omission,

[When we do not diligently seek after the knowledge of God.

When

When we have not a constant, dependence upon God, a stedfast faith, a lively hope, and a firm trust in him.

When we do not love him above all things.

When we have not an ardent desire of his presence, nor delight in the fruition of him.

When we neglect to praise his excellence, to adore his Majesty, and to be zealous for his Glory.

When we are not fearful to offend and provoke him.

When we do not make hast to repent of those sins, by which we have offended him.

When we do not endeavour to bring those to repentance, whom by our evil counsel, or example, we have caused to offend him.

When we do not labour to please him in all things.

When we do not yield a sincere obedience to all his commands, a patient submission under all his chastisements, and an absolute resignation to his whole will.

When we are not truly thankful for all his blessings.

Commission,

When we serve, or worship any other as God.

When we suffer any thing to rival him, and to share with him in our heart ; or when we are guilty of too much self-love.

When we are guilty of wilful ignorance of God, of hypocrisy, irreligion, indevotion, luke-warmness, and indifference ; of Heresy, Schism, Apostacy, Infidelity, & foolish doubting ; of presumption, despair, and carnal security ; of pride, disobedience, impatience, and murmuring.

THE SECOND Commandment is violated by sins of

Omission,

When we neglect the worship of God, either in publick, or private.

When we do not worship him after a due manner, with reverence and godly fear.

When we have not a due regard to all the parts of his worship, as Prayer, the Word, and Sacraments ; or come to them without due preparation.

When we do not yield a due veneration

[tion to all places, persons, and things dedicated to God.

Commission,

[When we make Idols, or Images, with intent to worship and bow down before them.

[When we make pictures and representations of God by a visible likeness of any thing.

[When we worship Angels, or religiously invoke any Creature.

[When we sacrilegiously profane God's house and holy things.

[When we condemn, abuse, disesteem, or slight God's Word, Ministers, and Ordinances.

[When we use unlawful, superstitious or indecent Rites in God's worship.

[When we rest in meer outward observances, forms, and shadows of religion ; or when we place our Religion only in hearing Sermons without practice.

[When we make Religion serve to ill ends, either doing good to evil purposes, or doing evil under a pretence of good.

THe THIRD Commandment is violated by sins of

Omission,

Omission,

- When we do not glorify his holy Name by all the ways we can.
- When we do not consider what vows and promises we make to God, and before we make such resolve to keep them.
- When we forget to keep those w^{ch} we have already made, especially those at our Baptism & the Lords Supper.
- When we are not truly sorrowful and penitent for as many as we have broken.
- When we are not conscientious also in keeping all lawful oaths and promises made to men.

Commission,

- When we take God's holy Name into our mouths upon slight and trivial occasions.
- When we either abuse it our selves in impious jests, curses, and imprecations; or can contentedly endure to hear others so abusing it.
- When we have irreverent thoughts of his most glorious Name and Nature.
- When we prophane or blaspheme it, or cause others so to do by our wicked lives.
- When we use any customary and rash
Oaths

Oaths, swearing by God, or any Creature.

When we make any hasty, unlawful, and superstitious Vows, or such as are impossible.

THE F O U R T H Commandment is violated by sins of

Omission,

When we do not keep those days holy, which God and his Church have commanded to be religiously observed.

When we do not oblige our Families to spend these days (the Sabbath-day especially) in the service of God, both at Church, and at home.

When we do not spend these, above other days, in exercises of charity, and in provoking one another to good works.

Commission,

When we profane the Sabbath-day, or indulge our selves and our Families in vain sports and forbidden recreations upon it.

When we Judaize, either in our opinion, or observation of it.

When we pursue our worldly employments, or do any unnecessary business upon it.

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When we travel unnecessary journies,
and deny that rest to our Cattle
which God requires.

When we are any way forgetful of
God on this day.

*Sins of Omission and Commission with
respect to our Neighbour, and our selves.*

THE FIFTH Commandment is vio-
lated by sins of

Omission,

In Natural Parents, when they do not
love, cherish, and provide for; when
they do not rightly educate, in-
struct, or pray for their children;
when they do not encourage them
to good by their examples, and deter
them from evil by their corrections.

In Political Parents, or Magistrates,
when they do not rightly govern
and protect their people; when they
do not punish evil-doers, and praise
them that do well; when they do
not see that God be honoured, truth
maintained, and justice duly execu-
ted throughout their dominions.

In Ecclesiastical Parents, or Pastors;
when they do not watch over the
souls

souls of their people, nor instruct them in saving knowledge, nor guide them by their good examples; when they do not pray for them, and bless them; when they do not endeavour to keep up amongst them all the holy Ordinances of God, and the wholsom Discipline of the Church.

In Oeconomical Parents, or Masters and Mistresses; when they do not love, and sufficiently provide for their servants; when they are not just to them in their wages, reasonable in their commands, good in their examples, gentle in their reproofs, and merciful in their corrections.

In those that are superiors by Age, when they do not labour to excel in the wisdom, sobriety, gravity, and authority of their words and actions.

In those that are superiors by Gifts, when they do not instruct the ignorant, and bear with the infirmities of the weak.

In those that are superiors by Estate, when they do not more largely employ their riches and substance to the help of the poor. In

In all Children, Subjects, and Inferiours ; when they do not love, honour, and succour their Father and Mother ; when they do not honour and obey the King, and all that are put in authority under him ; when they do not submit themselves to all their Governours, Teachers, Spiritual Pastors, and Masters ; and when they do not order themselves lowly and reverently to all their betters.

Commission,

In Children ; when they are undutiful, stubborn, disobedient, and disrespectful to their Parents, or ashamed of their Poverty.

In Subjects ; when they rebel, plot, and murmur against ; when they revile, curse, or wish evil to the King, and his Ministers.

In the People ; when they defraud, contemn, slight, reject, or forsake their lawful Pastors.

In Servants ; when they disobey, neglect, and despise either their Masters, or Mistresses.

In all these ; when they are false, unfaithful, and treacherous ; when they are rude, unthankful, and ungrateful to any of their respective Relations.

In all Inferiors whatsoever ; when they are obstinate, contentious, arrogant, and disrespectful in their behaviour towards any better, or superior.

In all Parents, Governours, and Superiors ; when they are tyrannical and cruel, rigorous, and severe, froward and bitter against their respective Inferiors.

THe SIXTH Commandment is violated by sins of

Omission,

When we do not use all lawful means to preserve our own lives, and to secure our own comfort, peace, and happiness.

When we do not love our neighbour as our selves, nor endeavour to procure and promote his health, safety, life and happiness, both temporal and eternal.

When we are not meek, kind, gentle, good, patient, and long-suffering towards one another.

When we are not full of Compassion and Charity, to relieve, comfort, and pray for those whose necessities,

ties, miseries and dangers require it.

When we are not inclinable to peace,
easy to forgive injuries, and always
ready to return good for evil.

Commission,

When we destroy our selves or need-
lessly put our lives into danger.

When we engage our selves in Duels,
or any unlawful War.

When we injure the body and life of
our neighbour, either directly by
wounding, or murdering him, or
indirectly by contriving, or employ-
ing others to hurt him.

When we do any way contrive the
Abortion of Children.

When we arm our selves against our
Neighbour with cruelty & violence.

When we pursue him with injuries,
threats, and revenge; when we en-
tertain hatred, envy, and malice a-
gainst him.

When we are rashly, causlessly and im-
moderately angry with him; when
we speak evil against him, revile, or
curse him; when we willingly
grieve, vex, or disquiet him.

THe SEVENTH Commandment is
violated by sins of

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Omission,

Omission,

When we do not avoid all instruments, inticements, and opportunities of defiling either our selves, or our neighbour.

When we do not diligently watch and pray, lest any evil spirit enter into us, or temptation overtake us.

When we are not temperate in our meats, or drinks.

When we do not labour to mortifie the flesh, by fasting and abstinence.

In married Persons, when their love is not mutual, constant, and inviolate ; full of compliance, sympathy, and forbearance.

Commission,

When we violate and defile, either our Neighbour's Bed, or our own.

When we pollute our bodies in any kind.

When we are unchast with our eyes, tongues, hands, or any part of our bodies.

When we provoke and feed our lusts by luxurious diet ; by impure company, discourse, songs, books, and pictures ; or by lascivious dresses, dances, and plays.

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THe EIGHTH Commandment is violated by sins of

Omission,

When we are not strict and conscionable in the means of getting Riches, nor upright and sincere in our Dealings with one another.

When we are negligent, and make light of paying our Debts.

When we are not industrious and diligent in our calling, that we may honestly provide for our selves, and Families.

When we are not willing to lend, and give to our poor Neighbour, according to our ability, nor free to remit to him, what he is not able to pay, or at least to forbear till he can.

Commission,

When we steal from our Neighbour, either privately, or by open robbery, violence, and invasion.

When we wrong him by oppression, extortion, griping Usury, or vexatious Law-suits.

When we remove our Neighbour's Land-mark, detain the hire of the Labourer, and cheat the Orphan, the Widow, and the Stranger.

When we injuriously keep the goods of others, & refuse to make restitution.

When we are unfaithful in our trusts and contracts; or deceitful in our trades, using false weights, measures, and the like.

When we conceal the defects of our own goods, or undervalue the goods of our Neighbour.

When we make an advantage upon the ignorance, or necessity of those with whom we deal.

When we are too sparing, parsimonious, and covetous.

When we are too lavish, wastful, and prodigal.

THe NINTH Commandment is violated by sins of

Omission,

When we are not tender of our neighbour's good Name and Reputation.

When we are not ready to vindicate his good Name upon all occasions.

When we do not judge the best, speak the best of him, and conceal or excuse his infirmities.

When we do not (as much as in us lieth) with-hold our eyes from hearing,

ing, our hearts from believing, and our tongues from spreading evil reports concerning him.

When we are not ready to give our testimony to the truth, for the ending of strife between Neighbours, or for recovering to the injured what damage he has sustained.

Commission,

When we bring any false accusation, plea, testimony, or sentence against our neighbor in courts of judicature.

When we speak either too much, or too little, and not according to truth, righteousness, and judgment.

When we censure, calumniate and slander our Neighbour.

When we make invidious reflections upon him; and scoff at, or expose his infirmities.

When we become Whisperers, Tale-bearers, Back-biters; or entertain and encourage such.

When we raise suspicions, jealousies, and heart-burnings in our Neighbourhood.

When we dissemble, flatter, equivocate, and lye unto our Neighbour.

THE TENTH Commandment is violated by sins of

Omission,

When we do not suppress and resist the first motions of lust, concupiscence, or any unlawful desire of that which is our Neighbours.

When we do not learn to be contented, and satisfied with that condition, in which God has placed us.

Commission,

When we envy and repine at the wealth, happiness, and prosperity of our Neighbour.

When we passionately desire to possess any thing that is his.

When we take pleasure in sin, and complacency in past impurities.

When we do with greediness pursue either the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, or the pride of life, that is, any thing in this world.

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PRAYERS

IN THE

CLOSET,

For the Use of All
DEVOUT CHRISTIANS.

Collected out of the *Best Companion*,
by the Author of the same.

Matth. 6. 6. *When thou prayest, enter into
thy Closet ; and when thou hast shut the
door, pray to thy Father which is in se-
cret ; and thy Father, which seeth in
secret, shall reward thee openly.*

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TO THE READER.

IN the Preface to the Best Companion, I gave some Directions how those Prayers, which were principally designed for Publick Use, might also become serviceable to any one in his most secret Retirement. And though the Directions there given were exemplified after the plainest manner; yet still some, whose capacities are of a lower size, might not understand them: Others again, conceiving it a trouble too great to follow them, might perhaps be altogether discouraged, upon this account from the private use of the Devotions themselves.

So much being suggested to me, and a Request withal being made, That for the sake of these I would draw the substance of the said Prayers into two or three Collects, and make them yet more easily subservient to every one's Closet Necessities, I readily complied and promised my Endeavour. 'Tis impossible indeed

To the Reader.

deed that the *Wiseſt* heads ſhould ever frame ſuch a form of words as ſhall answer the *Wants* and *Exigencies* of every one's private Condition. The utmoſt advance that can be made in this kind of *Effay*, will go no farther than the laying down ſuch *Generals* as ought to be the Matter of every *Chriſtian's* Requests to Heaven, and the accommodating their expreſſions ſo, that each ſingle *Votary* may readily apply them to his own particular Concerns.

Now both theſe are moſt eminently conſpicuous in the devout Prayers of our Church: and if they are not equally ſo in the parts of the ſame here brought together in this Performance, the *Workman* only muſt be blamed. For true Precious Stones, if artificial cut and rightly placed, can never fail to ſhew themſelves to the greateſt Advantage. However, if theſe Prayers are truly directed to the ſame ends for which they have been compiled, I doubt not but they will bring glory to God, honour to the Church, whoſe ſound and whoſom words they are, and everlaſting comfort to every Soul that uſeth them.

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In the CLOSET.

Prayers both for Morning and Night.

C O N F E S S I O N.

A Lmighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all Men: I acknowledge & bewail my manifold sins and wickedness, which I from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against me. I have followed too much the devices and desires of mine own heart. I have offended against thy holy Laws. I have left undone those things which I ought to have done*. And I have done those things w^{ch} I ought not to have done †. And there is no health in me. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon me miserable offender. Spare me, O God, who

* Here confess thy particular Sins of Omission.

† Here confess thy particular Sins of Commission.

who confess my faults. And grant that I, whose Conscience by sin is accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved, through Christ our Lord. O create and make in me a new and contrite heart, that I worthily lamenting my sins, and acknowledging my wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; whom of thy tender mercy thou didst give to suffer death upon the Cross for our Redemption, and who made there (by that oblation of himself once offered,) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world. Spare me therefore, good Lord, spare me whom thou hast redeemed. Enter not into judgment with thy servant, who am vile earth, a miserable sinner: But so turn thine anger from me, and so make hast to help me in this world, that I may ever live with thee in the world to come. *Amen.*

That you may the better call to mind what particular Sins you have been guilty of, before you begin to confess them, you would do well carefully to peruse the Table of Sins at the end of The Best Companion.

For

For Pardon and Grace.

ALmighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear, than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon me the abundance of thy Mercy, forgiving me those things whereof my conscience is afraid, and giving me those good things which I am not worthy to ask, but through the Merits and Mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. For his sake, O Lord, give me true Repentance: Forgive me all my sins, negligences, and ignorances; and endue me with the Grace of thy Holy Spirit, that I may amend my life according to thy holy word. Mortify and kill all vices in me; and so strengthen me by thy Grace, that by the innocency of my life, and constancy of my faith even unto death, I may glorify thy holy Name. Grant me grace to withstand the Temptations of the World, the Flesh, and the Devil; and with a pure heart and mind to follow Thee the only God. Vouchsafe, I beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both my heart and body, in the ways of thy Laws, and in the works of
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thy Commandments, that through thy most mighty protection, both now and ever, I may be preserved in body and soul; that I may please thee both in will and deed; that I may both perceive and know what things I ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them. Graft in my heart the love of thy Name, increase in me true Religion, nourish me with all goodness, and of thy great mercy evermore keep me in the same. O grant that thy grace may always prevent and follow me, and make me continually to be given to all good works; so that in all my works begun, continued, and ended in thee, I may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting Life through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Intercession.

O God the Creator and preserver of all Mankind, I humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all Nations. Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels
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and Hereticks ; and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word ; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy Flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true *Israelites*, and be made one fold, under one shepherd Jesus Christ our Lord. More especially I pray for the good estate of the Catholick Church, that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of Truth, and hold the Faith in Unity of Spirit, in the Bond of Peace, and in Righteousness of Life. I beseech thee, O Lord, for this whole Kingdom in general, and particularly for the King ; that thou would'st be pleas'd so to dispose and govern his heart, that in all his thoughts, words, and works, he may ever seek thy honour and glory ; and study so to preserve us, that Peace and Happiness, Truth and Justice, Religion and Piety may be established among us for all generations. So bless him, O Lord, and all the Royal Family, with the dew of thy heavenly spirit, that they ever trusting in thy goodness, protected by thy power, and crown-

ed with thy gracious and endless Favour, may continue before thee in health, peace, joy, and honour, a long and happy Life upon Earth, and after death, obtain everlasting Life and Glory in the Kingdom of Heaven. Be pleased to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy word; and grant, that both by their Preaching and Living they may set it forth, and shew it accordingly. Be pleased to endue the Lords of the Council, and all the Nobility, with Grace, Wisdom, and Understanding. Be pleased to bless and keep the Magistrates, giving them Grace to execute Justice, and to maintain Truth. Be pleased to bless and keep all thy people, especially my *Relations, Benefactors, and Friends*: Let thy Fatherly hand, I beseech thee, ever be over them; let thy holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that in the end they may attain everlasting life. Be pleased to forgive all mine enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and to turn their hearts. Lastly, I most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to
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comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity; to relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their Sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this I beg for Jesus Christ his sake. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving.

ALmighty God, Father of all Mercies, I thine unworthy servant do give thee most humble and hearty thanks, for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to me, and to all men. I bless thee for our Creation, for my continual Preservation (*that of this Day [or Night] in particular*) and all the blessings of this life: But above all for thine inestimable love in the Redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of Grace, and for the hope of Glory. Furthermore, I give thee humble thanks that thou hast incorporated me into thy holy Church, that thou hast vouchsafed to call me to the knowledge of thy Grace and Faith in thee. Increase this knowledge, and confirm this Faith in me evermore. Give me a due sense of all thy Mercies, that my heart may be un-

feignedly thankful; and that I may shew forth thy praise, not only with my lips, but in my life, by giving up my self to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all my days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father which art in Heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

UNto thy mercy and protection, O God, I commit my self this day [*or Night*] and evermore. O Lord, bleis and keep me: Lord make thy face to shine upon me, and be gracious unto me. Lord, lift up thy countenance upon me, and give me peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

If your necessary Business be so great and urgent, that it will not allow you time to use all the Prayers afore-going, then begin with the Thanksgiving, and joyn thereunto the short Prayer for Morning or Night, as followeth.

A short Prayer for the Morning.

O Lord, Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, who hast safely brought me to the beginning of this Day ; Defend me in the same with thy mighty Power, and grant that this Day I fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger ; but that all my doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. O defend me with thy Heavenly grace, that I may continue thine for ever ; and dayly increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until I come to thine everlasting Kingdom. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

A short Prayer for the Night.

Lighten my darkness, I beseech thee, O Lord ; And by thy great Mercy defend me from all the perils and dan-

gers of this Night, for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. In his Name, O God, I commit my self to thy Mercy and Protection, both this Night, and evermore. O Lord, blefs and keep me. Lord, make thy face to shine upon me, and be gracious unto me. Lord, lift up the light of thy Countenance upon me, and give me peace both now and evermore. Keep me both outwardly in my body, and inwardly in my soul, that I may be defended from all adversities, which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts, which may assault and hurt the Soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

*PRAYERS to be said by those
that are Married.*

O God, who by thy mighty power hast made all things of nothing, who also (after other things set in order) didst appoint that out of Man (created after thine own image and similitude) Woman should take her beginning; and knitting them together didst

didst teach, that it should never be lawful to put asunder those whom thou by Matrimony hast made One : O God, who hast consecrated the state of Matrimony to such an excellent Mystery, that in it is signified and represented the Spiritual Marriage and Unity between Christ and his Church ; Look mercifully upon [* Me and my Wife ; and grant that I may love her according to thy Word, (as Christ did love his Spouse the Church, who gave himself for it, loving and cherishing it even as his own flesh ;) and also, that she may be loving and amiable, faithful and obedient to me, and in all quietness, sobriety, and peace, be a follower of holy and godly Matrons.] O Lord, bless us both ; and grant us to inherit thy everlasting Kingdom , through Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant, O Lord, that as *Isaac* and *Rebecca* lived faithfully together, so we may surely perform and keep the Vow and Covenant betwixt us

* Here the Woman may alter it thus ; Me and my Husband ; and grant ; that he may love me (according to thy Word) as Christ did love his Spouse the Church, (who gave himself for it, loving and cherishing it even as his own flesh,) and also that I may be loving and amiable, faithful and obedient to him, and in all quietness, &c.

made, and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy Laws, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Look, O Lord, mercifully upon us from Heaven, and bless us : And as thou didst send thy Blessing upon *Abraham* and *Sarah*, to their great comfort ; so vouchsafe to send thy Blessing upon us, that we obeying thy Will, and always being in safety under thy protection, may abide in thy love unto our lives end. O God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us : O Lord, mercifully with thy favour look upon us ; and so fill us with all spiritual Benediction and Grace, that we may so live together in this life, that in the world to come we may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

If you want, and desire Children, (being conscious of no reasonable Cause why you may not ask any,) then add as follows :

Furthermore I most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Lord, and heavenly Father, by whose gracious gift Mankind is increased, that thou wouldst be pleas'd (if thou shalt think fit) to assist us with
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thy Blessing, that we may both be fruitful in procreation of Children, and also live together so long in godly love and honesty, that we may see our Children Christianly and Vertuously brought up, to thy praise and honour, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS to be said by those that have Children.

O Merciful Lord, & heavenly Father, by whose gracious gift Mankind is increased; I give thee humble thanks, that thou hast been pleased to assist me with thy Blessing, and to make me the Father (or Mother) of a Child (or Children.) And I beseech thee, give me thy Grace, that I may truly endeavour to see *him* (or them) Christianly and Vertuously brought up, to thy praise and honour, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And because none can do any thing that is good without thee; grant unto *him* (or them) thy Spirit, O Lord to think and do always such things as be rightful, that *he* (or they) may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will, through

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Let thy Fatherly hand, I beseech thee, ever be over *him* [or them:] Let thy holy Spirit ever be with *him* [or them,] and so lead *him* [or them] in the knowledg and obedience of thy word, that in the end *he* [or they] may obtain everlasting life. Strengthen *him* [or them] I pray thee, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in *him* [or them] thy manifold gifts of grace, the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of Counsel and Ghostly strength; the spirit of Knowledge and true Godliness; and fill *him* [or them,] O Lord, with the spirit of thy holy Fear, now and for ever. O defend *him* [or them,] with thy heavenly Grace, that *he* [or they] may continue thine for ever: And grant, that being steadfast in Faith, joyful through Hope, and rooted in Charity, *he* [or they] may so pass the waves of this troublesom world, that finally *he* [or they] may come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with thee world without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

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PRAYERS to be said upon days of
Fasting and Humiliation for Sins.

PSal. 51. 1, *Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; according to the multitude of thy mercies, do away mine offences.*

2. *Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness; and cleanse me from my sins.*

9, *Turn thy face from my sins; and put out all my misdeeds.*

10, *Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

11, *Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.*

12. *O give me the comfort of thy help again; and stablish me with thy free spirit.*

Then say the Confession, Almighty God Father of, &c. and after that as follows.

TURN thou me, O good Lord, and so shall I be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, be favourable unto me, who turn to thee in weeping, fasting and praying. For thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment

ment, and in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare me, good Lord, spare me; and let me not be brought to confusion. Hear me, O Lord, for thy mercy is great; and after the multitude of thy mercies, look upon me through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, I beseech thee, Almighty God, that I, who for mine evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

After this say the Prayer for Pardon and Grace, and then conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

PRATERS to be said in any time
of Trouble or Affliction.

Because Troubles and Afflictions are as well punishments for sin, as tryals of our Faith and Patience; therefore first humble your self before God, in the words of the Confession afore-said; and then proceed as follows.

O God, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful ; Mercifully assist my prayers, that I make before thee in these my troubles and adversities, which now oppress me. Grant that by the providence of thy goodness they may be dispersed, and that being hurt by no kind of sufferings, I may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

I Humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon mine infirmities ; and for the glory of thy Name, turn from me all those Evils that I most righteously have deserved: and grant that in all my troubles I may put my whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory, through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRant, O Lord, I beseech thee, that I who am justly punished for mine offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name,

Name, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

A Ssist me mercifully, O Lord, in these my supplications and prayers; And so dispose me towards the attainment of everlasting Salvation, that amongst all the changes and chances of this mortal Life, I may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready Help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Lmighty and everlasting God, who of thy tender love towards Mankind hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our Flesh, and to suffer death upon the Cross, that all Mankind should follow the Example of his great Humility; mercifully grant, that I may both follow the Example of his Patience, and also be made partaker of his Resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy Kingdom in heaven; I beseech thee, leave me not comfortless, but send me thine Holy Ghost to comfort me, and exalt me unto the same place whither our Saviour
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Christ is gone before ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

*PRAYERS for your self, or other,
being Sick.*

ALmighty everlasting God, Maker of Mankind, who dost correct those whom thou dost love, and chastise every one whom thou dost receive I beseech thee, have mercy upon me thy Servant (*or thy Servant A. B.*) now visited with thine hand. Grant that I (*he*) may take my (*his*) sickness patiently ; and so sanctify this thy fatherly Correction to me, (*him,*) that the sense of my (*his*) weakness may add strength to my (*his*) Faith, and seriousness to my (*his*) Repentance. If it shall be thy good pleasure to restore me (*him*) to my (*his*) former health, grant that I (*he*) may lead the residue of my (*his*) Life in thy fear and to thy glory : Or else give me (*him*) grace so to take thy Visitation, that after this Life ended, I (*he*) may dwell with thee in Life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, look down from Heaven; behold, visit, and relieve me thy servant; (*or thy Servant A. B.*) Look upon me (*him*) with the eyes of thy mercy; give me (*him*) comfort and sure confidence in thee; defend me (*him*) from the danger of the Enemy, and keep me (*him*) in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For his sake renew in me, (*him*), most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the Devil, or by my (*his*) own carnal will and frailness. Impute not to me (*him*) my (*his*) former sins, but strengthen me (*him*) with thy Blessed Spirit: And whensoever thou shalt be pleased to take me (*him*) hence, take me (*him*) into thy favour, through the merits of thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

PRAYERS for your self, or other,
being Sick beyond hope of recovery.

O Father of Mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; I beseech thee to succour me (*or thy Ser-*

Servant A.B.) now lying under thy hand in great weakness of Body. Look graciously upon me, (*him*,) O Lord; and the more the outward man decayeth, strengthen me, (*him*,) I beseech thee, so much the more continually with thy Grace and holy Spirit in the inner man. Give me (*him*) unfeigned Repentance for all the Errors of my (*his*) Life past, and stedfast Faith in thy Son Jesus, that my (*his*) sins may be done away by thy Mercy, and my (*his*) Pardon seal'd in Heaven, before I go (*he goes*) hence, and be no more seen. I know, O Lord, that there is no word impossible with thee; and that if thou wilt, thou canst even yet raise me (*him*) up, and grant me (*him*) a longer continuance in this world. Yet, forasmuch as in all appearance the time of my (*his*) departure draweth near, so fit and prepare me, (*him*,) I beseech thee, against the hour of Death; that after my (*his*) departure hence in peace and in thy favour, my (*his*) Soul may be received into thine everlasting Kingdom. Wash it, I pray thee, in the Blood of that immaculate Lamb, that was slain to take away the sins of the World; that whatsoever defilements it may have

contracted in the midst of this miserable and naughty World, through the lusts of the Flesh, or the Wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before thee; that so at the general Resurrection in the last day, I (*he*) may be found acceptable in thy sight, and receive that Blessing, which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, saying, Come ye blessed Children of my Father, receive the Kingdom prepared for you, from the beginning of the World. Grant this, I beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Prayers for your Child being sick.

O Almighty God, and Merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of Life and Death; Look down from Heaven, I beseech thee, with the Eyes of mercy upon my Child, now lying on the bed of sickness. Visit *him*, O Lord, with thy Salvation: Deliver *him* in thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain, and save *his* Soul for thy Mercies

cies sake. If it shall be thy good pleasure to prolong his days here on earth, grant that *he* may live to thee, and be an Instrument of thy Glory, by serving thee faithfully, and doing good in his generation; or else receive *him* into those Heavenly Habitations, where the Souls of them that sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for thy Mercies sake, in the same thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, and the Holy Ghost, ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

DEfend, O Lord, my Child with thy heavenly Grace, that he may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy holy Spirit more and more, until he come to thine everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Prayers for your self, or other, being troubled in Mind, or Conscience.

OBlessed Lord, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comforts; I beseech thee look down in pity and

compassion upon me (or *A.B.*) thy afflicted servant. Thou writest bitter things against me, (*him*,) and makest me (*him*) to possess my (*his*) former iniquities: Thy wrath lyeth hard upon me, (*him*,) and my (*his*) soul is full of trouble. But, O merciful God, who hast written thy holy word for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of thy holy Scriptures might have hope; Give me (*him*) a right understanding of my self, (*himself*,) and of thy Threats and Promises, that I (*he*) may neither cast away my (*his*) confidence in thee, nor place it any where else but in thee, give me (*him*) strength against all my (*his*) temptations, and heal all my (*his*) distempers. Break not the bruised Reed, nor quench the smoking Flax. Shut not up thy tender mercies in displeasure; but make me (*him*) to hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Deliver me (*him*) from fear of the enemy, and lift up the light of thy Countenance upon me, (*him*) and give me (*him*) peace, through the Merits and Mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire, or deserve; Pour down upon me (*or thy Servant A. B.*) the abundance of thy Mercy, forgiving me (*him*) those things whereof my (*his*) conscience is afraid, and giving me (*him*) these good things which I am not worthy to ask, but through the Merits and Mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who dost teach the hearts of thy faithful People, by sending to them the light of thy holy Spirit; Grant me (*or thy Servant A. B.*) by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy Comfort, through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the Unity of the same spirit, one God world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Prayers before you go to Church.

A Almighty and Merciful God, of whose only Gift it cometh, that thy faithful People do unto thee true and laudable Service: Grant, I beseech thee, that I may so faithfully serve thee in this Life, that I fail not finally to attain thy Heavenly Promises, through the Merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant, that thy holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule my heart, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ dost give to the Ministers of thy Church many excellent Gifts, and commandest them earnestly to feed thy Flock; I beseech thee, leave them not destitute of those Gifts, nor yet of Grace, to use them always to thy Honour and Glory; but grant that they may, both by their Life and Doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy
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Sacraments : And to me, and all thy People give thy heavenly grace, that with meek heart and due reverence, we may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in Holiness and Righteousness all the days of our Life ; that so at last we may be all partakers of thy Heavenly Kingdom, and receive the Crown of Righteousness, which thou hast promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Prayers when you are returned from Church.

GRant, I beseech thee, Almighty God, that the Words which I have heard this day with my outward Ears, may through thy Grace be so grafted inwardly in my heart, that they may bring forth in me the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting Life; Grant me perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ

Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life; That obeying his Doctrine, and following his Steps, I may stedfastly walk in thy Way, that leadeth to eternal Life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord of all Power and Might, who art the Author and Giver of all good things; Graft in my heart the love of thy Name, increase in me true Religion, nourish me with all Goodness, and of thy great Mercy keep me in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord, I pray thee, that thy Grace may always prevent and follow me, and make me continually to be given to all good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

*Prayers on Sacrament Days, before
you go out of your House.*

Almighty God, who through thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome Death, and opened unto us the Gate of everlasting Life; I humbly
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beseech thee, that as by thy special grace preventing me, thou hast put into my Mind good desires, so by thy continual help, I may bring the same to good effect, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALmighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to dye for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Grant me so to put away the leaven of Malice and Wickedness, that I may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth, through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlasting God, give unto me the increase of faith, hope and charity; and that I may obtain that which thou dost promise, make me to love that which thou dost command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty God our heavenly Father, who hast this day called and invited me to thy holy table, where will be administred the most comfortable
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Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, to be received in remembrance of his Meritorious Cross and Passion, whereby alone we obtain Remission of our Sins, and are made Partakers of the Kingdom of heaven. I give thee most humble and hearty thanks, for that thou hast given thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, not only to dye for us, but also to be our spiritual Food and Sustenance in that holy Sacrament. Which being so divine and comfortable a thing, to them who receive it worthily, and so dangerous to them, who presume to receive it unworthily: I most humbly beseech thee to give me thy Grace, that I may truly consider the dignity of that holy Mystery, and the great peril of the unworthy receiving thereof; as also that I may so search and examine my conscience, (and that not lightly, or after the manner of Dissemblers with thee, but so) as to come holy and clean to the heavenly Feast, in the Marriage-garment required by thy blessed Son in holy Scripture, and be received as a worthy partaker of that holy Table. Grant this, O Lord, for the sake of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

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Prayers when you are returned from the Sacrament.

ALmighty and everlasting God, I most heartily thank thee, for that thou hast vouchsafed to feed me, this Day, with the spiritual Food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, whereby thou dost assure the faithful of thy favour and goodness towards them, as also that they are heirs through hope of thy everlasting Kingdom. And I entirely desire thy fatherly goodness, to accept this my Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the Merits and Death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through Faith in his Blood, I, and all the whole Church may obtain Remission of our Sins, and all other Benefits of his Passion. And now again, I offer and present unto thee, O Lord, my self, Soul and Body, to be a
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reasonable, holy, and lively Sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that I, and all those who have been partakers of thy holy Communion, may be filled with thy heavenly Benediction. Grant this, O Lord, for thy Mercies sake, through Jesus Christ thy dear Son our Lord. *Amen.*

Strengthen me, I beseech thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in me thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength; the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill me, O Lord, with the spirit of thy holy fear, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

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